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1	Claims
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3	1. A process for treating a surface to clean or
4	otherwise treat the surface, the process being of
5	the type which employs a treating agent comprising a
6	plurality of particles, the process comprising the
7	step of contacting the surface with the treatment
8	agent such that at least some of the particles roll
9	along at least a portion of the surface, wherein an
10	angle of incidence of the particles and the surface
11	is between 0° and 60°, wherein the particles are
12	dimensioned to effect a rolling movement along the
13	surface, and wherein the treating agent is
14	substantially non-aqueous.
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16	2. A process as claimed in Claim 1, in which the
17	particles are non-crystalline.
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19	3. A process as claimed in Claim 1 or 2 in which the
20	particles comprise a precipitate or agglomerate of
21	an insoluble alkali metal carbonate.
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4. A process as claimed in any preceding Claim in which the particles are generally round.

5. A process as claimed in any preceding Claim which is a blasting operation. 

6. A process as claimed in any of Claims 1 to 4 which employs manual application of the treating agent.

- 7. The use of the process of the invention in dental
- 2 applications such as teeth whitening, plaque removal
- and general cleaning or polishing of the teeth,
- 4 buccal cavity and prosthetic parts such as crowns,
- 5 bridges and complete or partial dentures.

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- 7 8. The use of the process of the invention in
- 8 treating bone.

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- 9. The use of the process of the invention to
- 11 exfoliate skin.

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- 13 10. An agent for treating a surface to clean or
- 14 otherwise treat the surface, the agent being of the
- 15 type comprising a plurality of particles, the
- 16 particles being dimensioned to effect a rolling
- movement along a surface, wherein the treating agent
- is substantially non-aqueous.

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- 20 11. A treating agent according to Claim 10 in which
- 21 the particles comprise a precipitate or agglomerate
- of an insoluble alkali metal carbonate,

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- 24 12. A treating agent according to Claim 10 or 11,
- 25 wherein the particles are non-crystalline

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- 27 13. A treating agent according to any of Claims 10
- 28 to 12 for use in dental applications such as teeth
- whitening, plaque removal and general teeth
- 30 cleaning.

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- 1 14. A treating agent according to any of Claims 10
- 2 to 12 for use in treating bone.

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- 4 15. A cleaning agent according to any of Claims 10
- 5 to 12 for use exfoliating skin.

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